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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

AGENDA

for

ICRS-M-⁹~~8~~ Tuesday, 30 July 1968, 10:00

Room 1G 38 Headquarters

1. Approval of Minutes, 22 and 23 July Meetings
2. Satellite Schedule - NRO
3. South China/North Vietnam Priority List
(ICRS-D-6/18-90, 19 July 68)
4. Priorities/CCRP Discussion
5. Astro Position Terrain Camera (APTC) Paper
6. Update Target File
7. Nomination Form
8. Cuba Coverage Map
9. Other Business

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NRO review(s)
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b. The paragraph "DIA Presentation", third sentence, was amended as follows: "The conclusion was that selective collection of ICBM sites based on current and estimative intelligence should be directed, rather than equal effort against the most active sites and those with little or no observed activity over a prolonged period."

c. The paragraph "Czechoslovakia", second sentence was amended as follows: "The selected orbit provides two and one-half accesses to all of Czechoslovakia."

2. ICRS-M-8 paragraph 7 was amended as follows:

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3. ICRS-M-8 paragraph 8 - The word "disarmament" in the third sentence was changed to "arms limitation".

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4. The Chairman reminded the members that though it was too early to foresee the actual requirement for Czechoslovakia they should be prepared to update the present priorities at the next meeting. [redacted] produced a map of Czechoslovakia and adjoining areas with certain specific areas of interest outlined. The NRO representative noted these areas and gave assurance that the

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program will be reviewed to insure that adequate programs are available. [redacted] NPIC, questioned if readout of these areas was to be requested by PRARG reporting. [redacted] responded that any special readout requirement would be requested through the CIA EXSUBCOM member.

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1104 ORBIT SELECT

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5. [redacted] noted what appeared to him to be possible deficiencies in the CORONA [redacted] since Case C, which included North Korea as one of the requirements, appeared to do a better job, also, against the ICBM targets than did Case B. It was pointed out by the NRO consultant that the ICBM's were only one of the requirements looked at and although Case C did do a good job against the ICBM requirements, that on balance, Case B was the best case against all the Case B requirements. [redacted] noted that it would be advantageous for the ICRS to have a better understanding of how our requirements and criteria influence the orbit and what the committee could do to provide better guidance to the NRO which would result in the best possible orbit for the requirements provided.

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6. [redacted] very strongly reaffirmed the request to the NRO to keep the ICRS informed of R&D experiments, changes to the film load, etc. He pointed out that both he and his COMIREX principal have been embarrassed in recent weeks by being unprepared to intelligently comment on or prepare a CIA position concerning [redacted] or the CD/IR (S0180) film added to 1104. He also stated that he felt it was inappropriate for the NRO to present to the COMIREX the briefing on 25 July concerning maximizing [redacted] operations without first presenting it to the ICRS. Mr. [redacted] noted that the COMIREX members look to the ICRS to keep them advised of activities such as these as well as to explain to them the impact from an intelligence standpoint. He is appalled at these "surprises" at the COMIREX level and the resultant unpreparedness of the COMIREX members to discuss the matters. He noted there is no basic disagreement with the NRO necessity or prerogative in performing system improvement experiments or presentation of operational briefings to COMIREX, however, there is an ICRS responsibility to their principals to keep them advised of operational factors effecting intelligence collection.

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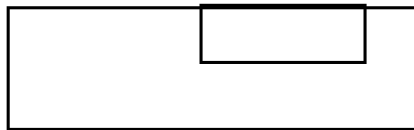
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7. [redacted] comments and further stated that his COMIREX principal feels the ICRS should be the starting point for discussion of the aforementioned items.

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8. [redacted] added that he realizes some of the briefings that might be presented to ICRS would be purely informational only, however, it is still advisable to inform ICRS to set the stage for a more understanding and receptive audience at the COMIREX. In fact, a written paper outlining the subject, in lieu of an oral presentation, would be satisfactory in many cases. He cited the bi-color experiment was another case in point.

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9. [redacted] asked the NRO consultant if 1104 has a bi-color capability. [redacted] stated the capability was there but there was no present plans for its utilization unless directed by ICRS.

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10. [redacted] stated he does not feel that the COMIREX has a good understanding of what the impact [redacted]

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11. There was general committee agreement in the preceding discussions. To bring the ICRS up to date on recent presentations [redacted] was asked to arrange for:

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a. A presentation on [redacted]

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b. A presentation on the 1104 CD/IR (S0180) experiment similar to that presented COMIREX.

c. The target optimization briefing presented to COMIREX by [redacted]

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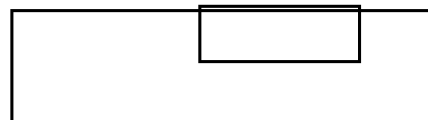
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12. [redacted] reported no change to the satellite schedule.

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13. [] asked if it would be possible to provide the ICRS a longer range schedule, approximately six months, to provide additional planning help. [] felt this would be possible and will confirm capability next week.

PRIORITIES FOR 1104 - S0180

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14. [] asked if it would be possible to select priorities for the S0180 revs on 1104. He was advised it will be accomplished Monday, 5 August along with the other priorities for this mission.

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

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15. [] nominated the Hsin Hsing Naval Facility, COMIREX number [] for addition to the South China priority list as a priority two target. Justification being that analysis indicates a strong probability that arms infiltration trawlers have shifted their base of operations from NVM to South China.

16. DIA submitted a weekly report of acceptable data base coverage of high priority targets in North Vietnam. There was no South China coverage during the period.

PRIORITIES/CCRP DISCUSSION

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17. The Chairman opened the discussion of this subject by referring to the []

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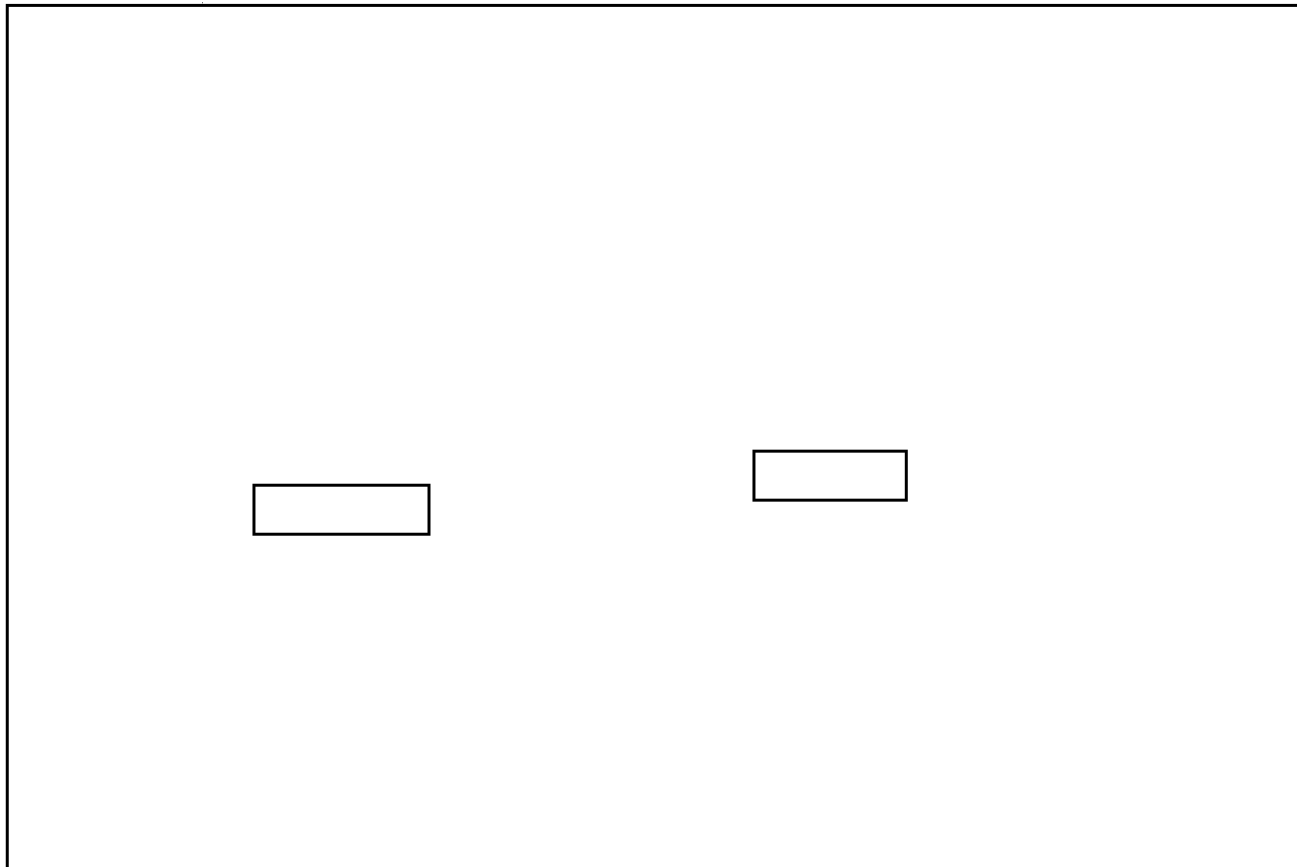
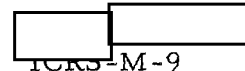
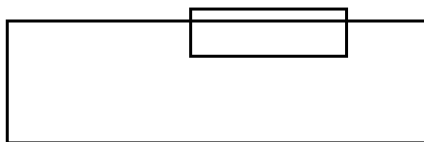
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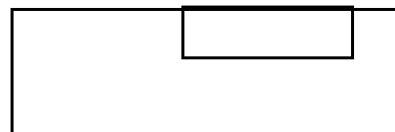
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21. [redacted] referred to a DIA message related to the "H" camera requirement for coverage of the Santiago Military Camp [redacted] which reviewed the efforts to meet this requirement. It has become apparent that the "H" camera over Cuba, appears not to be able to meet the [redacted] resolution requirement. It was intended that this would be an item of ICRS discussion at this meeting with a ICRS recommended course of action presented to COMIREX. However, precipitous action was taken by COMIREX which approved the DIA recommendation for withdrawal of the "H" camera CUBA requirement. DIA will instruct SAC to this effect.

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22. [] asked the Air Force representative if he could determine the availability of the 112B Delta II camera system which is reported to have [] resolution capability. [] subsequently reported one system is available in the US at Barksdale AFB under the control of SAC.)

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CUBA TARGET LIST

23. As a result of a review of the latest Cuban target list published by ICRS, DIA presented a list of recommended corrections to [] target names and coordinates which were approved by the Committee. It was also requested that the Cuban targets be included in the COMIREX Collection Requirements List. This request is being reviewed by the ICRS Staff and will be discussed at an early meeting.

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MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH FROM 13:30 TO 14:15.

DIA PRIORITIES BRIEFING

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24. [] initiated this presentation by referring to a presentation [] had made to the COMIREX and later to some elements of DIA that had graphically illustrated the relationship between the target priority, its relative probability of being programmed and its eventual probability of being readout by NPIC. He stated he felt this was a very enlightening briefing and felt it would be beneficial to present to the ICRS. It was agreed to ask Mr. [] to present his briefing to the ICRS at the earliest opportunity.

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25. [] stated one of the major problems is to determine and establish relative priorities among the various organizations. He feels standard guidelines should be established that all organizations would adhere to. As an example, he suggested a guideline as follows:

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<u>Intelligence Need</u>	<u>Coverage History</u>	<u>Priority for Collection</u>
URGENT	None	0
	Outdated	1
	Recent	2
HIGH PRIORITY	None	3
	Outdated	4
	Recent	5
ESSENTIAL (BASE LINE)		6
CCRP		7
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26. Under the concept described in the above outline it was noted that priorities 0 thru 6 would include what is presently known as "current intelligence" target priorities and priorities 7 thru 9 would include the CCRP targets having no current intelligence requirement. He recommended the NRO should maximize the 7 thru 9 targets to achieve optimum CCRP satisfaction. [redacted] estimated that the 0 thru 6 priority levels would comprise approximately one-third of the total active target deck which normally fulfills the majority of the CCRP.

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27. [redacted] also suggested that the ICRS might provide more guidance to the NRO concerning weather criteria related to assurance of coverage between different priorities of targets.

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28. Further discussions of this subject will be scheduled after the Committee has had the opportunity to hear [redacted] briefing.

TARGET NOMINATION FORM

29. Only the Army and Navy members provided written recommended changes to the Target Nomination Form which had been distributed for comments. These recommended changes were discussed and approved.

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30. A discussion on the relationship to mission priority, its' permanence, etc. evolved and it was agreed that the priority would be provided on initial target nominations only. This priority would be used on the next mission unless changed. The DIA representative noted that this would greatly facilitate their handling the target deck on a mission by mission basis and reduce their pre-mission workload substantially.

31. The other item that was discussed at length was the collection frequency entry. The CIA representative questioned the advisability of having this entry since the nomination form pertains primarily to satellite collection and frequency in turn is associated with the particular CCRP category the target is in. [] noted that there are USIB approved requirements with weekly and other frequent interval periods and the frequency should reflect the requestors true requirement. [] agreed with this observation and recommended that the committee also consider future capabilities when multiple recovery buckets or readout systems will be available and some targets with short frequency requirements can be satisfied. It was agreed that the collection frequency would be submitted on new targets only.

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33. There was general agreement that the nomination form, as amended, should be approved and put into effect as soon as possible in order to give it a fair test. [] made the point very clear that the form is a "tool" to facilitate and improve the committees targeting responsibilities and it can and should be amended if it is found there are unforeseen weaknesses or problems that arise in its actual use.

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CCRP CODES

34. [] requested a machine run, if possible, of those targets to which a CCRP code had been assigned by the ICRS Staff in lieu of the list provided. [] advised he would see if such a list could be provided.

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OTHER BUSINESS

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35. [] asked if Shikotan Island was programmed for 1104. The NRO consultant confirmed that coverage of this area is programmed for 1104.

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36. [] requested the addition of a []

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